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The Fern Hill Palace of the Maharajah of Mysore, Ootacamund, The Nilgiris, South India
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Dear Albert Croissant:

Your letter of August 5 has just arrived and I have been reading it with great interest, particularly since His Highness and I have recently been having some discussions on the very subject of getting GOOD USA magazines distributed out here. I am now going to make some inquiries about lists and other types of cooperation out here which may be useful to you and when I come up with anything tangible I will report or have other people get in touch with you directly. I will also discuss it with His Highness when I get back to Mysore early in September, probably.

Meanwhile, it would help me if you would answer some questions: 1) I note your Advisory Council, and I wonder what they do for you. For example: Edward L. Bernays? I also note Freedoms Foundation and the American Legion and the NAM, all of which are rather militantly anti-communist, and I wonder if they are engaging in this good work of yours from that motivation. If they are - or rather, - if that motivation should be attached in any way to your distribution of books and magazines out here, it would, of course, defeat the very purpose for which they would be being sent. This is not very well understood in the United States and I am sure that these people do not know that they often do more harm than good. I am not questioning their anti-communism; it's a free country and they can be what they like; but I do question methods that get a result opposite to what is intended. So much for that.

I was enchanted with your description of the struggle you have with your work. Having had my own non-profit public service office myself for the last 12 years, I know ALL, but ALL, about it! My accountant has frequently accused me of having dreamed up a new way to go broke (that's an accomplishment, I tell him...). And I get very annoyed at the Foundations and philanthropists who put up fantastic sums for "conferences" all the time, from which nothing comes but talk, but who won't support serious practical efforts like yours. Comes the millenium, perhaps all this will improve, but in the meantime, let's keep working.

About the reincarnation book - I agree. But I hope when you do it it will be a book that won't be just brushed off as "religious". I gather from what you said that you are aware how previous ones have failed so are probably avoiding the pitfalls now. I gather you or Dr. Lischner and perhaps others around the NEW OUTLOOK have a Theosophical background - at least the one Mrs. Watumull just sent me, the June 1959 issue seems more theosophical than the May 1957 which Pyarelal gave me last year in New Delhi. I note that Ernest Wood is on your editorial staff - so you must know Louis Gainsborough in San Francisco, too. The best reincarnation material I have found is scattered through the books of The Tibetan - Dwal Khul, done in collaboration with Alice Bailey of the Arcane School. I suppose you must have them. They appeal to me as being much more scientific than the other writings on the subject. A good contact for you in connection with the reincarnation book, if you are already not in touch with her, is Regina Keller of the School for Esoteric Studies, Shelton Hotel, New York, - that's 527 Lexington Avenue. She worked with Alice Bailey in the Arcane School for thirty years and now heads the branch that split off from the School after Alice's death. An enormously intelligent woman, age 75, who used to be an attorney for the City of New York; she's Hungarian. Has just returned from a lecture tour in Europe and says she feels like 35! If you don't already know her and want to write to her, mention I told you. These people shouldknow of and subscribe to NEW OUTLOOK.

Further about the magazine: Would you airmail me a copy of the latest edition to The Vasantha Mahal, Mysore City, Mysore, where I will be after August 26 for awhile. I want to show it to His Highness. You might also send a copy to John Spiers, Editor of VALUES, a monthly magazine, Kaggalipura P. O. Bangalore District South, Mysore State, India. He's a Scottish monk who is now an Indian citizen. I will ask him to send you a copy of VALUES also.

So much for now. There are some plans afoot here which I can't talk about unless and until they develop some; but let's keep in touch as it seems we are at least somewhat "on the same beam".

Yours cordially,

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